

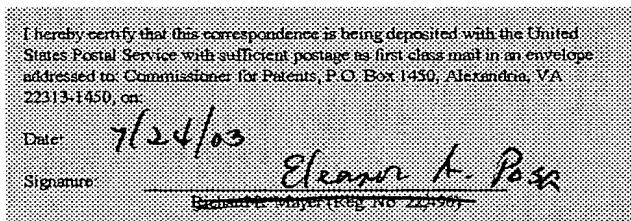
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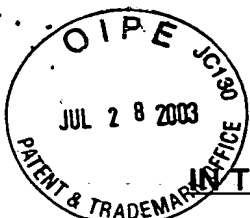
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In response to the Office Action of May 15, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 13, without prejudice, as follows

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13. (Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein the request for taking control is activated in the activating step (b) when at least three criteria including the at least two criteria and one additional criteria are simultaneously satisfied.

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 9 to 19 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable and reconsideration is respectfully requested.